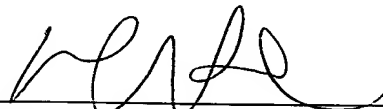


It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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